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## House of Representatives

The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

### PRAYER

Rev. Elizabeth Hanley, Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, Cameron, Texas, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray. God of Grace, we give You thanks for this new day. You bless the whole human family with Your sustaining love.

Open the hearts of the ones who gather here as they make decisions for our Nation. Stir in them wisdom, understanding, and compassion in discernment. Bind them together in the common pursuit of justice and peace for Your people. Give them courage to be a voice for those who have no voice; that their work might bring relief to the burden and hope to those in need.

Renew the hearts of Your people, O God, and move us to trust in You. Bless, O Lord, all those who offer their lives in service to others, and grant us grace to live in Your never failing love. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SIREs) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. SIREs led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 509. An act to authorize a major medical facility project at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Walla Walla, Washington, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 111-21, the Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, announces the joint appointment of Phil Angelides of California to serve as Chairman of the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 111-21, the Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, appoints the following individuals to serve as members of the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission:

The Senator from Florida, Mr. GRAHAM.

Heather Murren of Nevada.

Byron Georgiou of Nevada.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 111-12, the Chair, on behalf of the Republican Leader, appoints the following individuals to serve as members of the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission:

Keith Hennessey of Virginia.

Douglas Holtz-Eakin of Virginia.

### WELCOMING REVEREND

ELIZABETH HANLEY

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. HENSARLING) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. HENSARLING. Madam Speaker, above your chair are inscribed the words "In God We Trust." There is nothing more important that we in Congress do each day than seek His wisdom, guidance, and blessing upon our deliberations.

I am both grateful and proud that today my friend, Pastor Elizabeth Hanley, sought those gifts on our behalf.

Pastor Hanley, known to her flock as Pastor Liz, has led the Abiding Savior Lutheran Church in Cameron, Texas, since 2002. She's a lifelong Lutheran, a fifth generation Texan, and like my wife, she's a Baylor Bear.

I have had the opportunity to worship at Abiding Savior on a number of occasions. I know for a fact that through the love of her savior, Jesus Christ, Pastor Liz nurtures the youth of her congregation. She gives hope to the downhearted, she cares for the elderly, and she inspires all through her words of grace through faith.

Hope and unity are in abundance at Abiding Savior. And its parishioners will tell you Pastor Liz is truly deserving of the words, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

I thank Pastor Liz for being here today and leading our invocation.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 10 further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

### PARITY IN MENTAL HEALTH COVERAGE

(Mr. KENNEDY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam Speaker, I would like to thank you, Speaker PELOSI, for bringing to the floor of this House a piece of sweeping health care legislation, the likes of which we haven't seen in over 60 years since the Congress passed the Medicare legislation.

Madam Speaker, I want to thank you because it's about time the American people had an opportunity to have

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